

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for concurrently executing multiple operations on different files displayed on a
2 graphical user interface, the method comprising:
3 associating a different operation with each of a plurality of inputs;
4 associating a distinct visual display feature with each of the different operations;
5 selecting a first file display, for a first file, on a graphical user interface (GUI) after
6 engaging a selected first input from the plurality of inputs, wherein a first operation is selected
7 for the first file and a first distinct visual feature is applied to the first file display;
8 selecting a second file display, for a second file, on the GUI after engaging a selected
9 second input from the plurality of inputs, wherein a second operation is selected for the second
10 file and a second distinct visual feature is applied to the second file display; and
11 subsequently concurrently executing the first and second operations for the respective
12 first and second files.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the operations is selected by engaging a
2 combination of inputs.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric patterns.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of inputs are selected icons on the GUI.
- 1 6. A method for removing sensitive files from a computer, the method comprising:
2 identifying a plurality of sensitive files on a computer;
3 highlighting all of the identified sensitive files with an identifying visual feature;
4 deleting the identified sensitive files; and

5 reformatting only areas on a disk drive, associated with a computer, that had stored the
6 deleted sensitive files.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein only sensitive files that had been last edited before a pre-
2 determined period of time are deleted.

1 8. A computer system for concurrently executing multiple operations on different files
2 displayed on a graphical user interface, the system comprising:
3 a monitor for displaying a plurality of files;
4 a plurality of inputs, each input being associated with a different operation to be applied
5 to one or more of the plurality of files, each different operation being associated with a distinct
6 visual display applied to a displayed file;
7 an input device for manipulating a pointer displayed on the monitor, such that the input
8 device selects a first file display, the first file display being associated with a first file, after a first
9 input associated with a first operation is engaged, such that a first distinct visual feature
10 associated with the first operation is applied to the first file display, and such that the input
11 device selects a second file display, the second file display being associated with a second file,
12 after a second input associated with a second operation is engaged, such that a second distinct
13 visual feature associated with the second operation is applied to the second file display; and
14 an execution input for subsequently concurrently executing the first and second
15 operations for the respective first and second files.

1 9. The computer system of claim 8, wherein each of the operations is selected by engaging a
2 combination of inputs.

1 10. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.

1 11. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric
2 patterns.

1 12. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the plurality of inputs are selected icons on a
2 graphical user interface (GUI).

1 13. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the first and second files are both sensitive files
2 selected for deletion.

1 14. The computer system of claim 13, wherein the sensitive files are erased from a hard disk
2 on a computer by re-formatting only areas on the hard disk that had stored the sensitive files.

1 15. A computer program product, residing on a computer usable medium, for concurrently
2 executing multiple operations on different files displayed on a graphical user interface, the
3 computer program product comprising:

4 computer program code for associating a different operation with each of a plurality of
5 inputs;

6 computer program code for associating a distinct visual display feature with each of the
7 plurality of operations;

8 computer program code for selecting a first file display, for a first file, on a graphical user
9 interface (GUI), after engaging a selected first input from the plurality of inputs, wherein a first
10 operation is selected for the first file and a first distinct visual feature is applied to the first file
11 display;

12 computer program code for selecting a second file display, for a second file, on the GUI,
13 after engaging a selected second input from the plurality of inputs, wherein a second operation is
14 selected for the second file and a second distinct visual feature is applied to the second file
15 display; and

16 computer program code for subsequently concurrently executing the first and second
17 operations for the respective first and second files.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein each of the operations is selected by
2 engaging a combination of inputs.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the distinct visual features are color-
2 coded.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the distinct visual features are
2 geometric patterns.

1 19. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the first and second files are both
2 sensitive files selected for deletion.

1 20. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the plurality of inputs are selected
2 icons on the GUI.